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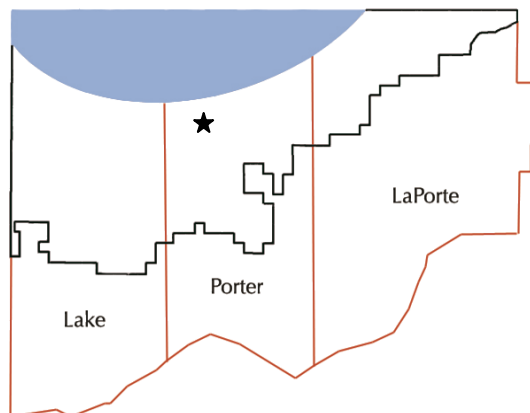
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Portage Township Way-finding Signs

The goal of the 'Find Our Township Parks Project' was to foster a positive park experience by creating and installing way-finding and entrance signs for the Portage Townships Parks Department's two parks in South Haven; Haven Hollow Park (330 W. 700 N., Valparaiso, IN) and Field of Dreams Park (402 W. 700 N., Valparaiso, IN). There were no way-finding signs, only two old park identification signs that have been recycled over the years. Way-finding signs were needed to direct visitors to the parks, raise community awareness to the natural resources available, distinguish Township parks from other area recreational sites, enhance park visibility, as well as, fill an emotional need for community residents. Signage was installed in roadway right of ways owned by the Township and on the Township owned park property.

Way-finding signs will dispel confusion and lead visitors easily to their desired destination. This project was also important to the local community because it will once again pay tribute to a wonderful civic leader, Myron Fessler, who passed away in 2006. After he passed, he was inducted into the Indiana Football Hall of Fame for his dedication to Portage Township children for over twenty-five years. 'Fessler Fields', at Haven Hollow Park was named in Mr. Fessler's honor and a sign was proudly posted at the entrance of the park in his name. Over time, the sign has worn and was taken down in disrepair. The community was waiting for a new sign to be erected and this was the perfect opportunity.



RESULT: Installation of Way-finding Signage in Two South Haven Parks.